

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017
MEETING ROOM B - THIRD FLOOR COURTHOUSE

Members Present: Joseph Pederson, Kevin Campbell, Russell McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson, Grant Weyland, Sara Watson Curry, Roger Richman, DiAnn Streifel.

Members Absent: Everett Nelson, Wayne Lepper, Russ Colson.

Others Present: Larry Henry, Laura Wessberg, Julie Kennedy, Maggie Gruber, Tim Magnusson, Kirk Rosenberger, Lynne Spaeth, Marlon Mackowick, Brad Holm, Todd Bratlien, Paul Kalibabky.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by Roger Richman, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Russ McDougall, seconded by Roger Richman, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the April 27, 2017 Minutes.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE UPDATE – JULIE KENNEDY

Julie Kennedy reported Clean Up week was quite low on amounts and participation. Currently HHW is busy due to graduations and people cleaning out their garages. All else is going well. The fluorescent bulb collection is today. Kennedy stated they are seeing more fluorescent lights as most people are converting to LED's.

LANDFILL UPDATE – LARRY HENRY

Larry Henry reported things are going well at the landfill. There have been multiple youth groups helping every weekend for two months and the landfill is clean and picked up. They have planted 300+ replacement trees. They have had some leachate seepage issues but are working on taking care of them. Henry stated they have been working on landscaping around the new building. The Highway Department came out and surveyed for the landscaping to ensure there was proper drainage.

Four new roster employees have been hired and will be starting at 30 hours a week. Their main duties will be maintenance and clean-up of the facility (tree trimming, watering, and replacing poplar trees).

There are major engine issues with the semi-tractor. Henry suggested having a backup truck in case one breaks down. The problem with renting a truck instead of buying one is a rental would not be available in a day's notice. They will look at all options.

Perham has had issues with burners so they have been unable to haul to Perham. They should be running and back on schedule this week.

The new BOMAG compactor has come in; however, the blade did not come with the machine. It will be installed next week.

MSUM FREE STORE – MAGGIE GRUBER

Maggie Gruber, MN Green Corps member presented a slideshow of the MSUM Sustainable Move Out and Free Store Event. The Sustainable Move Out Collection took place April 28 – May 4, and the Free Store Event was scheduled for May 4-5. Some of the items accepted in collection boxes are as follows: clothing, shoes, office and kitchen supplies, books, home décor, rugs, fans, toiletries, bedsheets and linen, accessories, backpacks and bags, sports equipment, and unopened nonperishable food. Three different informative flyers were distributed. Gruber stated they weighed the donations and the total weight consisted of 58 pounds of food, 195.5 pounds of clothes/shoes/accessories, etc., and only .5 pounds (or 3%) were disposed. Food and items were distributed to students and non-profit organizations.

TRANSFER STATION PROJECT– MATT EVANS

Kirk Rosenberger provided a summary of the project as Matt Evans was not present. Rosenberger advised the Board that the transfer station project was not included in the initial bonding spreadsheet but he is attempting to include it on the bonding bill. If funding is not available this year, another attempt will be made next year. Rosenberger is optimistic and will have a more comprehensive report at the next meeting.

PERHAM REPORT – KEVIN CAMPBELL

Commissioner Campbell stated there have been technical problems with the north unit this past week but they are close to being up and running.

Mediation is scheduled on June 6th in Minneapolis for the super heater issue. The claim is for \$1.1 million against the construction company. Campbell is not optimistic about a successful mediation and presumes a lawsuit will be filed with the federal court. A Scheduling Conference is scheduled later today and the Court and parties will set aside dates and deadlines.

Campbell added on the financial side, things are going well and staying on budget.

SOLID WASTE UPDATE – KIRK ROSENBERGER

Rosenberger reported that Solid Waste will be represented at Breakfast on The Farm scheduled for June 17, from 7:00 a.m. - noon. Solid Waste will be represented at this event.

Spring cleanup for electronics had lower numbers as far as material collected and participants. Rosenberger stated that last week approximately 45 people showed up between 4:00-6:00 p.m. Generally, it was successful and appreciated.

Rosenberger advised that Laura Wessberg is overseeing the Plastic Bag Project and will have a report on the project next month. Subcommittees will meet and extensive work plans will be assigned. Local grocers were asked whether they would be open to having a uniform recycle barrel that would be easily recognized for plastic bags.

Minnesota State-Moorhead has 200 mattresses that need to be disposed of. Dakota Roll-Off is charging \$15 per mattress to go to the Landfill. Rosenberger is encouraging them to recycle.

Steve Moore could not attend the meeting. Moore will give a presentation to the Moorhead City Council regarding an update to the City Code for sanitation to provide clearer guidance for tote storage. Single sort recycling bins will be delivered during the second week in June.

Rosenberger will make a presentation next month regarding the air permit for the Landfill. The permit is federally mandated and they test for greenhouse gases. The tests for a tier I permit is \$30,000-\$35,000 which is only required once. Tier II permit cost is about \$15,000-\$20,000 and done every five years.

Rosenberger informed Committee members that Stephanie Reynolds accepted a new position and will be leaving. He commended her for a job well done and emphasized how much she has helped the department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.